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To:	City Council
Subject:	Please respect transparency and oppose the unethical targeting of Israel
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City Council of Cambridge:

I understand you will consider on April 23rd a resolution that calls for the City to end contracts with HP over its ties with Israel.

I respectfully ask that you:

1. Make the resolution public. It has not been shared and there is little time to digest. Please respect transparency.

2. Reject any resolution seeking to boycott Israel.

The Israel-Palestinian conflict is complex. Boycotting HP will only serve to tarnish the reputation of Cambridge and our great metropolitan area.

With so many horrors in the world, why must we focus so much negative attention on Israel? Some leaders are using chemical weapons (Syria), other cultures employing wide-spread clitoral mutilation (much of the Middle East and Africa), other countries still preventing women from even attending sporting events (Iran), and still other governments condone widespread modern slavery (Qatar), why do we continue to unethically single out Isreal and this complex conflict? Why not boycott companies with strong ties to these other countries (Al Jazeera, Qatar Airways, ...)?

I fear your unethical targeting of Israel and HP with a boycott will reflect poorly on all of us as a region. We are bleeding heart liberals, myself often included, but let's be that way intelligently and for causes with clearer answers. Please reject any resolution seeking to boycott Israel.

Respectfully,

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